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Pictured are NHL Ticket winners Brian & his son Jonathon Ottaway (centre). The tickets were compliments of The Communicator (represented by publisher Brett Irvine - far left), and McKeck's Place (represented by owner & former NHLer Walt McKechnie - far right).

Happy Leaf Ticket Winners Heading To Toronto With Platinum Tickets In Hand

A huge congratulations goes out to Jonathon Ottaway of Minden, who was recently presented with two platinum tickets to see the Toronto Maple Leafs play a home game on Thursday, February 12th, compliments of Walt McKechnie and The Communicator.

We here at The Communicator and Walt decided in October to run a promotional contest and give away two awesome Leaf home game tickets to one lucky boy or girl. To win, youths had to write and tell us why they wanted to win these tickets for their mom, dad, grandparent or caregiver.

We received a flurry of letters and we only wish we had enough tickets to give each person who wrote a set each because you all deserved them. Unfortunately we had the difficult task of choosing just one. Jonathon's letter stood out and he was chosen to receive the tickets.

These tickets were obtained through Walt's friend, but were not free of charge. Even Walt, an ex NHL'er cannot get these kinds of tickets for free - he really had to pull some strings! The two boys are really in for a treat on the 12th. According to Walt, "they are so close to the action they will be able to see the players sweat."

We have more great contests coming each and every month, so keep watching The Communicator for your chance to win awesome prizes.

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French Immersion Enrolment Time:

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The Trillium Lakelands District School Board offers French Immersion in all regions of the board. Graduates of a secondary school French Immersion Program will be able to communicate and function in French and be able to pursue work or post secondary education in French.

There are currently approximately 1000 students registered in the District French Immersion program. Of the four French Immersion schools for elementary age children in the district – the one closest to us is Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton. There is also one in Bracebridge, one in the City of Kawartha Lakes, and one in Huntsville.

Secondary students may continue the French Immersion program at I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay, or the Extended French Program at Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School.

Expanded bus services ensures that the French Immersion Program is accessible to all students within Trillium Lakelands DSB.

For further information about the French Immersion Program please contact your local elementary school.

Kindergarten Enrolment Time:

All Junior Kindergartens who will be 4 by December 31, 2004 are encouraged to register during the week of Feb. 2 – Feb. 6. Children who are not attending school and will be 5 by December 31, 2004 are also encouraged to register at that time.

Please contact the school to register during the day.

Attention Tourism Based Businesses...

Does your business rely on a healthy, diverse year-round tourism industry? If it does, then join the crowd.

The newly launched Haliburton Tourism Association invites all accommodation providers and tourism-industry stakeholders to an information reception on Tuesday, February 10th from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Highland's Grand Ballroom at the Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton.

You are asked to R.S.V.P. directly to Andrea Hagarty, c/o the Bonnie View Inn, (705) 457-2350 or email andreaahagarty@candlelight.ca. For more information, visit the website at www.haliburton-tourism.com

Seniors ... Let the Winter Games Begin

The senior winter games for District 11 (Haliburton & Muskoka) are about to begin.

The senior games are open to anyone who is 55 or over as of Dec. 31st 2003. The cost to enter is \$6 for the first event and \$2 for each event after that with a \$10 maximum. The winners of each event have a chance to represent District 11 in Barrie at the Provincial Winter Games in February 2005.

Here is a list with dates, times, and places:

Mixed Badminton Feb. 9th & 16th 7:45 - 9:45 pm Archie Stouffler School Minden - Contact Lois 286 1765.

Prediction 3 km Skating Feb. 12th 12:00-2:00 pm Dysart Arena Haliburton - Contact Ron 447-3092.

Prediction 5 km Nordic Skiing Feb. 17th 10:30 am - 2:00 pm Glebe Park Haliburton - Contact Pauline 286-1590 or Don 457-2487.

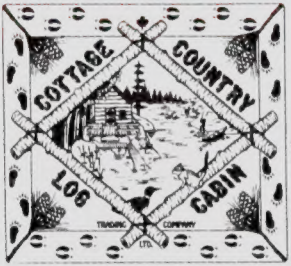
Mixed Curling Mar. 23rd 9:00 am-5:00 pm Minden - Contact Robert 754-9747 or Jack 457-9448.

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If anyone has any other questions please call Robert McIvor at 754-9747.

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Did you know that there are ways you can make some adjustments to your home, save a bundle of money on heating and cooling costs, make your home more saleable, and even receive a grant from the federal government for doing so?

Haliburton Highlands resident Pam Sayne operates a business called 'Know Your Home Inspections' and offers expert advice to homeowners on how to make your home more energy efficient through a programme called the 'Energuide For Houses', which was developed by the Office of Energy Efficiency of Natural Resources Canada. Pam is a qualified energy expert who will come to your home and do an energy evaluation through a series of tests. Pam then provides you with written recommendations, including a computerized analysis describing which upgrades can bring you the best results. She will show you how the govt will even reward you for any renovations you need to make to ensure your home is more energy efficient..

Pam will be able to detect where drafts are entering your home, whether your attic is properly insulated, if crawl spaces are letting in too much air, and if your walls and windows are effective against the elements. She will then give you a list of home improvement recommendations. Once you have had your home

upgraded, Pam will return and run the tests on your home again. You should now have a much more energy efficient home and may qualify for a grant to help cover the costs of the home improvements.

"People have to think of the energy savings over the next 20 years or so that they will realize through some upgrades," says Pam. "In many cases they will pay for themselves in no time."

If you live in a home that is more than 25 years old, you have the potential to save an average of 32% on your energy use, and if your home is 50 years old or more, the energy saving potential is an average of 38% with the Energuide for Houses programme. Currently the average home rates 62 on the Energuide for Houses scale and has the potential to improve to a rating of 73. Improving your rating by this amount could result in a grant of approximately \$619 and save much in energy costs in the future.

The federal government introduced the grant programme on Oct. 15, 2003 to encourage homeowners, especially ones with older homes to retrofit their homes and make them more energy efficient. Today, 17% of all energy consumed in Canada goes to run our homes. Every time we use energy from fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas, we produce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change and harm the environment. The government has issued a 'One Tonne Challenge' to homeowners – a challenge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by one tonne every year. The Energuide for Houses is an incentive for homeowners to partake in the challenge.

So just think about it – you can spend some money on im-

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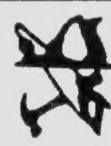
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Dogsled Derby Rescheduled for the snow date of February 28 & 29, 2004

February 28-29 Haliburton will be going to the dogs... or should I say home to quite a few dogs... huskie dogs that is. This is the date that the Haliburton Highlands will be hosting a the 3rd Annual Dogsled Derby in Haliburton. This event was originally scheduled for January, but was rescheduled due to weather conditions.

This World Cup (International Federation of Sled Dog Sports, IFSS) accredited race will feature 4, 6, & 8 dog teams racing 4, 6 & 8 miles respectively and include both Open & Purebred classes. The races will start & finish in downtown Haliburton Village.

Mushers and dog-teams from Canada & the USA will race out of Haliburton Village across frozen Head Lake and through a beautiful snowy wilderness park to compete for the richest dog derby purse in Ontario of \$15,000. Last year over 84 teams from across North America participated. Race organizers guarantee ample spectator viewing locales in Head Lake Park

to watch the excitement of the start, finish and all events. Two additional spectator viewing areas out on the trail will be accessible, and there is also unlimited free parking.

Races start on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. Following the opening the 4 dog race will commence, followed by the 6 dogs and then the 8 dog. The popular and entertaining Kid & Mutt and Celebrity races will be held on Saturday around 1:30.

Sunday's schedule will be the same except that the races will start at 8:30 a.m. Great spectator viewing, free parking & admission. Please leave your pet dogs at home.

New This Year:

The unique sport of Skijoring has been added this year. What is that you ask?... It is one or two dogs pulling a person on cross country skis. This is actually an accredited sport as well. It will be taking place at the Delta Pinestone starting at 2:30 on Saturday and again on Sunday at 1:30. "This is really interesting to watch," says organizer Tanya McCready-DeBruin.

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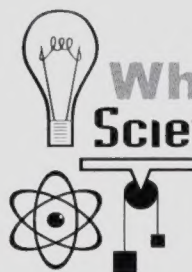
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Arts Council Launched

Skills Inventory Is Project #1

A media launch was held at the Ethel Curry Gallery on Tuesday, January 20th to celebrate the formation of the Arts Council for Haliburton County and the beginning of one of its new initiatives - The Skills Inventory Project for the Arts in Haliburton County.

Twenty-one community members from across the County have joined together to form the Steering Committee for the Arts Council for Haliburton County under the auspices of the Haliburton County Development Corporation. The purpose of the Arts Council is to provide a strong voice for the arts, to serve as a catalyst for community economic development through the arts and to contribute to the vibrancy of the arts and community life.

The arts are an important contributor to the economy in Haliburton County through tourism, education and training, the production, display, sale and export of art, the sale of materials and supplies and the creative work of skilled artisans. The Skills Inventory Project builds on the efforts of the Arts Council to build a comprehensive database of individuals and businesses in the County that are involved in the arts. This includes all of the arts: visual arts, craft, music, theatre, literary arts, graphic arts, design arts, media arts. - from the song-writer to the landscape designer, from the blacksmith to the poet, from the painter to the filmmaker, from the website designer to the potter. An inventory of the skills, talents and resources that exist in Haliburton County will support the development of training, new business and employment opportunities and opportunities for community economic development in this important sector of the economy.

The Skills Inventory Project is part of a regional initiative spearheaded by COIN (Community Opportunities Innovation Network - Peterborough). Funding for this project is being provided by Human Resources Development Canada and the Rural Secretariat of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Dumb Criminals

The Great Escape!! Oregon state minimum-security prison inmate Jason Hayes, 29, was doing his assigned job when he noticed the guards were looking the other way. "He just walked," a prison spokeswoman says, making an escape. After walking for half an hour he passed by the state Department of Corrections headquarters building in Salem. As it happened, a DoC employee was getting into her car and noticed his prison uniform. Her job: chasing down escaped fugitives. She confronted Hayes and he ran, jumping over a barbed-wire-topped fence — landing in the middle of a training exercise for the police SWAT team. He was quickly arrested.



The Clumsy Bank Robber: When a man entered the Oak Valley Community Bank in Modesto, Calif., it didn't take long to decide he was up to no good: he was wearing a large piece of checkered cloth over his head as a disguise. To keep from leaving fingerprints, he was wearing white gardening gloves. He still managed to get some money from a teller, who noticed he was having trouble seeing where he was going — he had neglected to cut holes in the cloth for his eyes. Not wanting to pull it up so his face could be seen, the robber had a hard time finding the door to leave. Once he got there, "he walks into the steel door frame, bangs his head into the frame and knocks his hat off," said investigating detective Tom Blake. Then he "backs up a bit, still holding onto his hood, and shuffles out the door."

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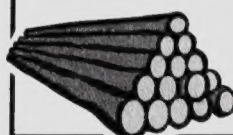


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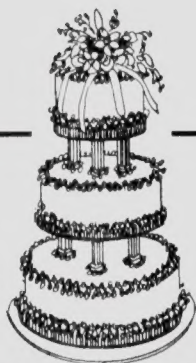
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Call it an all terrain stroller, cross country skiled, or even a dog-sled without dogs the CrosSled combines an easy method of travelling on snow and ice with a winter cardiovascular workout and aerobic exercise. Oh, and you can carry groceries, equipment and kids or passengers, or hook up the family dog to help pull.

What is a crossled or kicksled? In Canada, kicksleds are marketed under the brand name CrosSled, which features two parallel spring steel runners, approximately six feet (1.8 metres) in length and set about a foot-and-a-half (.45 metres) apart. The runners are bolted to an upright frame with handles that stand about three feet (.9 metres) high. A crossbar is used to brace the assembly and a seat is attached to the front of the frame. Attachable plastic skis about two inches wide are handy for deeper snow. The CrosSled is easily assembled by tightening two wing nuts and it folds flat for easy transportation and storage when those wing nuts are loosened. It requires no waxing or special maintenance.

Generically known as kicksledding, or "spark-ing" in Norwegian, the CrosSled is handmade in Tynset, Norway by the largest manufacturer in that country. In Scandinavian countries, the CrosSled has evolved to the point where professional racing is a fixture. Top racers can reach speeds of up to 40 kilometres per hour (24.8 miles per hour), such as world champion Hannu Vierikko, who has "sparked" 100 kilometres (62 miles) in three hours, 46 minutes.

"As a boy in Norway, kicksleds were an everyday part of winter life," says Knut Brundtland, CrosSled's North American marketer and distributor. "They were used to haul wood, groceries, and even the kids from one part of town to the other. They were also fun, and as popular as cross-country skiing. I thought it was about time

Canadians had a chance to widely enjoy CrosSleds too. We have the same climate, and roughly the same standard of living in a predominantly urban population that yearns to get out of the cities whenever possible."

Ideal for cottages or winter resorts that offer cross country skiing and snowshoeing as recreational activities, the CrosSled enables "sparkers" to enjoy the winter outdoors without much strain, or skill. "They offer winter serenity without the sweat. It is safe and the seat is perfect for relaxing on during lunch or other breaks" says Brundtland. He adds CrosSleds are perfect for gliding across frozen lakes or rivers.

For more information about this product, or to order yours, you can contact CrosSled North America Ltd., 86 Briarwood Road, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, L3R 2X3. 1-877-CrosSled (276-7753)



Kicksled Workshop Offered Locally

Learn the art of Kicksledding at an upcoming workshop hosted by the Kinark Outdoor Centre.

Rediscover a sport that is both functional and wickedly fun. You won't be disappointed. The cost is just \$40 per person, which includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for the workshop is limited so be sure to register in advance.

Contact the Haliburton County Trails & Tours Network at 489-4049 for more information, or to register.

Learn What It Takes at Upcoming Dog Sledding Workshop

Learn what it takes to car for and condition a team of sled dogs, then harness, head for the trails and experience the thrill of "mushing" your own team of huskies. You can do all this by participating in the upcoming dog sledding workshop hosted by the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve and offered through the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network..

The workshop takes place on February 14. The cost for this workshop is \$90 per person, which includes your lunch. Be sure to register in advance to assure your spot. For more information, or to register call 489-4049.

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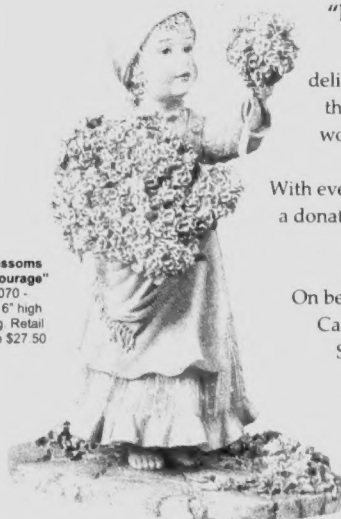
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Head North For Some Great Winter Family Fun

Mark your calendar for February 20 & 21, 2004! Come and join the fun at the 14th annual Dorset snowball Winter Carnival!

The festivities begin Friday evening with a family skating party with music & face painting, a broomball tournament and more!

Saturday's events include a pancake breakfast, a parade, horse drawn wagon rides, Mini-Snowmobile rides, displays and demonstrations, a craft sale, dog sled rides for kids and adults, children's games, food, music and more.

Be sure to buy your \$3 Snowball Button at one of the many local merchants selling them (all events require one).

Snowball was originated by the volunteer Committee for the Dorset Recreation Centre back in 1991 as a community event and fundraiser for the Rec Centre. Snowball takes place on the 3rd weekend of February every year and has grown from an event that used to be only attended by people from Dorset to an event that is now attended by people from all over Ontario.

The main focus of Snowball is to provide affordable family oriented entertainment, to make Dorset a "destination" and to bring the community together for a day filled with activity and fun.

The Popular Broomball Tournament:

The really big event that everyone looks forward to on Friday night is the Broomball Tournament. People form their teams in advance (6 players, at least 1 girl per team) and give themselves names such as "The Dorset Doorknobs". The big challenge of the evening is to beat the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department team, and this has been done - but it is a challenge! Call Hugh Reynolds 766-

1332 to register your team (registration in advance is required).

Advance registration is \$10/team, on the night it's \$20/team.

Registration fees are shared with the winners - 50% to the winning team, 25% to second place and 25% to Snowball.

Snowball also hosts a bevy of winter activities such as ice painting, bubble blowing contests, skating, helicopter rides, adult & children's dog sled rides, snowball throwing games, tobogganing hill, chainsaw carving demo, karaoke contest, minnow races, horse-drawn wagon rides, Mini Snowmobile rides, Snow Snake Competition, Children's Broomball Tournament, hockey shoot-out, kids vs adult hockey game, snowshoe races, Hockey Night in Dorset and more!

It's a day of fun, fun, fun for the entire family, and it is definitely worth the drive to Dorset - there is a ton of excitement and surprises awaiting you. Check out www.dorsetsnowball.com for a complete list of events and lots of great photos and more.



What's up @ Hal High?

School news for the students - by the students

Lots Planned For February Including Much Video Dance!!

By Brendan Farrell



In the month of February there are plenty of great events coming up. The week of February 9th-13th there is a Valentines spirit week.

During the week there will be several great events going on. For example the matchmaker surveys are back!! As well as other great lunchtime activities going on, so look for posters around the school and listen to the morning announcements to find out more. And also on Friday the 13th the S.A.C is putting on another great dance. This time it will be a Much Music Video Dance. The cost is 12 dollars for a single and 20 dollars for a double.

As for sports at the school there is plenty of things happening. The Red Hawk Basketball teams are having good seasons.

The seniors are sitting at a season record of 7-4. The boys take their game on the road February 6th and 7th, to Petawawa Ontario, to compete in a 32 team tournament with teams traveling from as far away as Montreal, Toronto, Sudbury and Philadelphia U.S.A.

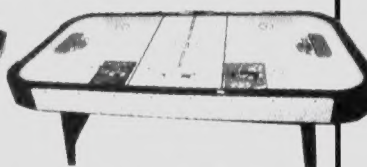
As for the juniors they are enjoying a successful season under their new coaches. Coach Harvey and Coach Chambers, and are looking to continuously better them selves as the season continues. There are also several other sports in full flight at H.H.S.S. - Unfortunately too many to mention in this article. So come on out and support your local teams.



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by the Bashful Comic



Straight from the Town of "Dumbville" – Where's Dumbville? ... it's where ever these people live...

The young Mountaineer from 'Dumbville' came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"

Bubba replied, "Did you see who it was?" The young Mountaineer answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

A 'Dumbville' State trooper pulled over a pickup on I-79. The trooper asked, "Got any ID?"

The driver replied, "Bout what?"

A group of 'Dumbville' friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck.

"Where's Henry?" the others asked. "Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail," the successful hunter replied.

"You left Henry laying out there and carried the deer back?" they inquired.

"A tough call," nodded the hunter. "But I figured no one is going to steal Henry!"

The owner of a golf course in 'Dumbville' was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help.

He called her into his office and said, "You graduated from the University of 'Dumbville' and I need some help. If I were to give you \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?"

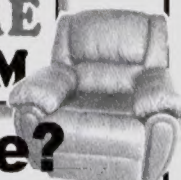
The secretary thought a moment, then replied, "Everything but my earrings."

Regarding the year 2000, a senior at 'Dumbville' was overheard saying "when the end of the world comes, I hope to be in 'Dumbville' - Everything happens here 20 years later than the rest of the civilized world.



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Upcoming Employment Workshops Free to Attend

If you are seeking "new ideas" that could help you land that job you've been looking for then you might consider taking part in some of the 6 employment workshop being offered by the Sir Sandford Fleming college Employment Resource Centre.

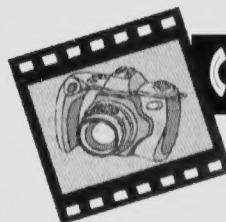
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Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?



COOL PIC OF THE MONTH

This pic was sent in by
Larry Levely.
It needs no explanation



Men & Women Have Their Days... Get Your Ski's Ready For Fun

Men and Women - Your days are coming! Fun days that is, all taking place at Sir Sam's Ski Area.

February 20th has been deemed Men's Day with lots of special and fun activities planned just for the guys. Your \$75 day pass includes lift ticket, special events, breakfast, a BBQ lunch, dinner and prizes for the days special events. This is a popular event, so you best book ASAP.

The same goes for the just as exciting and ever popular Mark's Hard Ladies Day scheduled for February 27. Like the men's day, there is a host of activities lined up to assure to fun day on the slopes, complete with Breakfast, BBQ Lunch, Dinner and lots of prizes.

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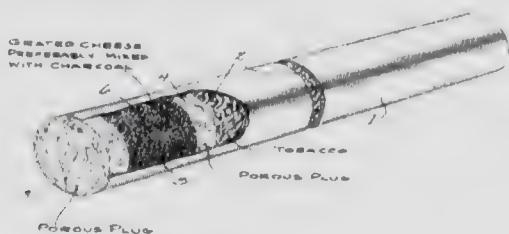
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Cheese-Filter Cigarette: Patent No. 3,234,948. A cigarette with flavour?... hum... I can see the warnings now: *"The Surgeon General has determined that smoking Parmesan is bad for your health..."*



For The Youth

Here's some cool things happening in the Highlands just for you!

Kids Open Stage

All you kids out there with some entertainer in you – you won't want to miss Kids Open Stage taking place at the Lounge Café in Carnarvon every last Sunday of each month starting at 2 p.m.

This event is a spin-off of the popular adult Open Stage events that have been taking place, and continue to take place at the Lounge Café. Organizers felt a venue for the youngsters was much needed to give youngsters the chance to show their talents.

There are 10-15 performing spots each Open Stage Day, and some musical instruments are provided. Magicians, musicians, dancers, storytellers – whatever your talent – you are welcome to come and participate.

The first Kids Open Stage took place January 25. To book instruments or to sign up, call Mark at 489-3311. Feel free to stop in on Kids Open Stage day and check out the great entertainment from our youth.

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SCHOOL NEWS FROM JDH

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The Monthly Hodgepodge

by Melissa Dudgeon



This may sting some, much like cupid's arrow, but it is almost that time of year when love is in the air. The same is true at JDH.

Yes, girls in grade 8 some very good news indeed. Three very Eligible bachelors have started a band. The band is called period 3. They are still available for the taking! The boys are

Scott Duggan, Matt Trucan, and Jessie Woodward.

On the 28th at JDH we had a twin, triplet, quadruplet or quintuplet day. Groups of two or more dressed alike. It is uncertain whether or not we are to have a valentines dance. The chess club has started up. Some time in March there is to be a Swiss tournament. I will have full coverage of the event.

A reminder to all of you giving out valentines make sure everybody in your class gets one or don't give them out at all, its not nice to leave people out! Have a happy valentines day, if you bribe cupid with enough candy hearts perhaps he will find you that special someone.



Spot The Differences

Can you spot the 8 differences?



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Radar Races:

Don't forget about the on-going Snowmobile Radar Races at Elephant Lake Lodge in Harcourt. These exciting races are held every Saturday and Sunday in Feb and up to mid-march. The cost is only \$5 per machine, and cash prizes are awarded to winners. The races start at 12 noon. For more information you can call the Lodge at 448-2861



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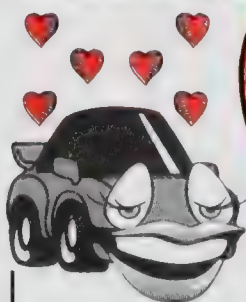
Bruce Malott of Haliburton picked up this beauty 1971 Volkswagen Beetle from an 81-year-old gentleman in Lindsay for \$5,000. "He kept the car in almost mint condition," says Bruce.

Bruce has since upgraded it and now it is a classic 4 cylinder, 1300cc VW. It has 114,000 miles on it and 10,000 miles on a rebuilt motor.

This head-turning classic has new tires, a CD player and radio, and is equipped with seatbelts for the front seats.

This picture of Bruce and his wife Rosemary with their classic VW was used as their Custom Christmas Cards this past season - (note the wreath on the vehicle).

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The poker rally itself begins at 10 a.m. Proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset

There are over \$10,000 in prizes -- first prize being \$2,000 in cash!! There are also 5 \$100 cash prizes for the most pledge monies turned in.

There is a 300 participant maximum. The cost to participate is \$30. You can pre-register on the Friday evening. The day starts off Saturday morning with a continental breakfast.

You do require an OFSC Trail permit to participate in this event.

For more information you can contact Donna Keul at (705) 766-9253 or Barb Townes at (705) 2766-2108.

You can also obtain a pledge form online at www.tallpines.org. Look for pledge form link

Haliburton Forest Poker Run:

Come take part in one of the largest snowmobile poker rides in Ontario. This exciting Poker Run takes place on February 21 this year, and up for grabs is a brand new snowmobile amongst other great prizes

Each of the five check points provide refreshments and an opportunity for a social get together. Proceeds go to a local charity, which is different each year

The fee to enter is \$40.00 per person. For more information, or to registers, contact the Haliburton Forest office at 754-2198. You can register on the day of the run, or the day prior.

West Guilford Snowmobile Shuffle:

Whether you own a snowmobile or not, you can still have tons of fun at the annual West Guilford Snow Shuffle planned for February 28.

The event is primarily a snowmobile event, but if you can't participate in the actual snowmobile run, there is a dinner and dance with a DJ that follows

Registration for the run takes place at the West Guilford Community Centre at 9 a.m. Participants travel the trails arriving back at the Community Centre around 6 p.m. for a delicious roast beef dinner.

There is also a big cash prize up for grabs for those who participated in the snowmobile run. Each participant will draw cards and the best hand wins

The cost to participate in the entire day's events is \$25. If you wish just dinner and dance the cost is \$20 and just the dance is \$5.

Proceeds from the event go towards the Community Centre.

The poker run will be taking place regardless of trail conditions as the run is held primarily on trails created just for this run. Organizer Greg Cooper says, "we're in a good position over here. There are a lot of lakes to run on. We've used a combination of trails and lakes this year, so even if some regular snowmobile trails aren't open, our event trails are."

"The day goes ahead regardless of weather," Greg adds. "It's a community event -- a fun day. This event has been taking place for close to 30 years, if not more"

Tickets are available at the West Guilford Shopping Centre, at the West Guilford Shell Station, or by contacting Greg at 754-3210.

Fun Night Of Basketball For The Ladies Every Monday

Calling all ladies that may be interested in getting out and getting active, why not check out the pick-up basketball at the Haliburton high school every Monday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

The basketball nights were started in November with 10 ladies and now average about 15 per evening. Women of all abilities are welcome as the evening is only for fun. The cost to participate is \$3 per evening or \$30 per half year. The Monday night basketball runs till the end of May or early June. For further details please contact Emma at 457-2506.

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people are more comfortable in their homes when talking about their finances and people should feel comfortable," states Lon.

Lon is a full time resident of the highlands with strong roots in the community. He was the founder of Halco Radio Shack in 1980 and owned the business until 1992. He also founded Video City in Haliburton, which he sold to Doug Hardy in 1997. Both businesses are still alive and well today. Lon went into land development for a couple of years after leaving the retail world and soon found himself the Business Manager and Bookkeeper for Patient News Publishing. "They are a great organization. I continue to have a great relationship with them, and recently did a 'lunch and learn' with the staff", says Lon. Lon then grew out of his position with Patient News Publishing and began seeking a business opportunity in the Highlands. "I saw an ad for Investors Group looking for a representative in our area and knew this would be for me. I had experience in investing, money management and tax planning", he adds. Lon then trained extensively with Investors Group and opened his office in April of 2003. There will be an official grand opening in the spring.

Lon is pleased to announce that he now has an assistant to help in his business. Haliburton resident Skip Ray has teamed up with Lon as of December 2003. "She is a wonderful addition," says Lon. "She has really complimented the business. She has great ideas, is really organized and a great personality- a real people person!" Skip is a long time resident of the Highlands and has previously worked at the local hospitals as a Health Records Technician, and more recently at Northern Lights Vocational Services in Minden. Skips family owned the Red Umbrella Inn for 31 years before selling in the 80's. "I'm pleased to be working with someone of Lon's calibre," says Skip.

Lon looks forward to building long-term relationships with his clientele in the Highlands and meeting and helping more and more people. "What I really like is that in this business I won't be forced to retire at 65. I can keep going as long as I want," states Lon.

Be sure to give Lon or Skip a call if you have any questions. Or you can stop into the Investors Group office in person. The office is located in Halco Plaza in Haliburton and is open Monday to Friday. To reach the office call 457-3166, or email lon.duncombe@investorsgroup.com. They will be happy to help you.



Lon (left) & Skip

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However, a trial judge will at times need specialized evidence to assist in the determination of a case. This specialized evidence is called opinion evidence and often involves the issue of negligence of a professional person. Such an allegation requires proving the accepted standard in the industry for the delivery of professional services. This is done by calling an expert in the field to give an opinion on what the standard is and whether the professional on trial has met or fallen below that standard. If the professional has fallen below the standard, negligence is proven.

For example, in a medical malpractice lawsuit, a doctor will be called by each of the plaintiff and defendant to prove the accepted standard in the industry. This may involve a "battle of the experts" debating, for example, whether the standard of a doctor practising in a rural community is different from the standard of a doctor practising in a city like Toronto. Another example is a contractor who builds a house but the roof collapses due to the snow load in the winter. Was the roof properly built? Should engineered trusses have been used? These are questions to be answered by experts.

Whether your case is in the Small Claims Court or in the Superior Court of Justice, always keep in mind that you cannot prove or defeat an allegation of professional negligence without the assistance of expert evidence.

In the next column, I will be talking about quasi-criminal offences in court.

**What do little birdies see when they
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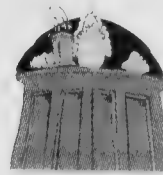
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It's The Law!

Japan's emperor Ichijo (986-1011) once exiled a dog and imprisoned its owner because the dog chased his favorite cat!

In Mobil, Alabama, it was once against the law for women to wear high heels on the street!

In 1785, King Louis XVI of France issued a law stating that the lengths of handkerchiefs must equal their widths!

A law in Gurnee, Illinois, made it illegal for women weighing over two hundred pounds to ride a horse while wearing shorts!

In 1756, King Fredrick I of Sweden issued a law forbidding the drinking of coffee.

In 1993, the mayor of Cebreros, Spain, officially banned humans and dogs from running in the streets.

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Charlene English, a resident of Donald, has been hired as the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce new Marketing Coordinator, taking over from Carol Moffatt.

News From Your Chamber of Commerce

The new Board of Directors for 2004 consists of Graham Beeby, Peggy Cassils, Mark Coles, Eric Christensen, Bob Hall, Steve Heming, Jim Henwood, Jim Miners, Carol Moffatt, Bill Young, and Tom Gardner. Each of these people volunteer their time to help make your Chamber function properly.

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Did you know: (A Message from the Chamber President):

The latest statistics from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism show that there were 829,000 visitors to the County of Haliburton in 2002 and that these visitors spend \$95.8 million in our area. The number of visitors has grown by 30% since 1998, partly due to increased tourism marketing spending by the County.

Our membership continues to grow, and members now represent a broad range of businesses in the Highlands. Membership figures for the past three years are: Dec 31/03 - 355 (+12.7%), Dec 31/02 - 315 (+27.5%), Dec 31/01 - 247.

You can help by encouraging the businesses that you deal with to also joining the chamber...our strength is in our numbers.

Your Chamber is a vibrant and professional organization.

Help us to make it even better by telling us what we should be doing for businesses in the Highlands that we don't already do. Please give your thoughts and comments to any staff or Board member...we do listen!

Volunteers Needed!!

Volunteers are still needed for the upcoming spring trade show season. If you are interested in helping at these shows, please call me at the Chamber office as soon as possible so I can make arrangements and schedules.

Through your membership you have the option of having us bring your brochures to the shows with us. If you are interested please make sure to have them here at the office at least 2 weeks prior to the shows. Contact Ann for more information -

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Teams Needed For Annual Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament

There will be lots happening both on and off the ice on the weekend of February 21 & 22 in Wilberforce.

There will be some fancy dancing on ice, and later off the ice during the 10th annual Fred Agnew Memorial Tournament.

The hockey games usually start around 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday. There are 2 divisions being the open division and the old timers division.

Anyone can enter a team. The cost per team is \$450 for the open division teams and \$300 for the old timers teams.

"Ideally I'd like to see 8 teams from each division," explains organizer Rick Huffman. "I'd really like to see more old timer teams sign up this year."

Prizes for old timers are the Molson awards donated by Molson's (usually hats and t-shirts). The open teams are playing for cash. The cash prize amounts depend on the number of entries. Leftover money after prize pay-outs go towards arena improvement projects.

Don't Miss The Dance:

There will be a beer garden set up all weekend at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre (Sat. 12 p.m. – 1 a.m. and Sunday noon to 7 p.m.) There is also a DJ dance Saturday evening at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

The tournament is named after the son of Murray and Eileen Agnew (owners of Angew's General Store in Wilberforce) who tragically passed away from a heart attack at the young age of 28. Fred was an avid hockey player who ironically died on the ice while playing a hockey game in Bancroft on the 23rd of December 1994. Fred was extremely well loved in the community and when it came to hockey, he was an asset to the game. He was a terrific sportsman and a very strong defenseman.

If you are interested in participating in this wonderful tournament (the more the merrier), you can call Rick Huffman at 448-2484. Be sure to come out and take part in the fun, whether on ice or on the dance floor!

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Skate Carnival Remembers The Oldies

The Wilberforce Figure Skating club will be holding their annual skating carnival at the Monmouth arena on Sunday February 29th from 2-4pm and all are welcome to come and watch our young skaters show their talents as they wrap up another great year.

This year saw over 50 youth in the area involved in the club. "It's been a great year and all the skaters stuck it out and had a good time," says club President Linda Toews.

The theme for this year's carnival is 'Oldies-Remember When' so you can listen to great music while the kids skate. There will also be four guest skaters from Bancroft. They are: Dana Cooper, Ashley Howran, Kerri Caron, and Robyn Carr.

There will be a raffle table and door prizes as well. The raffle table will have fewer items this year but will be higher priced items.

This year you can purchase tickets in advance at the arena on Tuesday or Friday nights, or by calling Linda at 448-2093. Tickets will also be available at the door. Prices are \$5 each for adults and \$3 for children.



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If you love the great outdoors, particularly trail blazing, then you may want to take part in one or all three of a group of great trail planning and trail construction workshops starting soon. Instructor Al MacPherson will be heading all three courses, which are taking place at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Haliburton.

Trail Planning Workshop:

There are three great courses that can help you in your trail blazing - the first one is called the Trail Planning Workshop which takes place Fri Feb 20 & Sat Feb 21 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

This introductory workshop will identify the key trail elements required to plan for the development/ redevelopment of trails on public or private land. The delivery is a combination of classroom lecture/ activities and outdoor field learning. You will use

planning tools such as GPS, Abney Level (measure slopes), and digital photography. Some of the topics to be covered are: land ownership, costing, legislation/policies, determining types of users and their needs, assessing user demand, assessing trail supply, locally and regionally public involvement, SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats), optimizing trail layout, & protection of the environment.

The fee for the course is \$100. Registration/withdrawal deadline is Feb 6.

Trail Construction Workshop:

Building a new trail carries with it the responsibility of doing it right. This mostly "hands-on" course involves 4 hours of classroom presentations and 8 hours of construction. Topics include: brushing and clearing - involves equipment and methods used to create the corridor; excavating - involves staking the route and establishing the tread way drainage - techniques will be assessed such as water bars, check dams, steps, open drains, culverts, turnpikes, puncheons and corduroy. You will experience building a minimum of four drainage techniques; and finishing - tread slope, use of switchbacks and climbing turns will be examined.

The fee for this course is also \$100. It takes place Fri May 7 & Sat May 8 2004, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration/withdrawal deadline is Apr 23.

Trail Signage & Maintenance Workshop:

This one-day workshop will provide you with a framework to develop your own trail signage plan. Please bring maps of a trail to use as a case study in order to develop a trail signage plan. Topics to be covered: signage material, cost, standards, layout, function and format, and vandalism.

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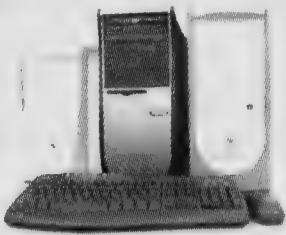
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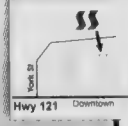
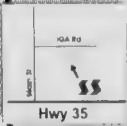


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**Why doesn't Tarzan
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Here's To Our Flag!!

At the stroke of noon on February 15, 1965, Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time.

In 1996, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien declared that February 15 will be celebrated henceforth as National Flag of Canada Day.

Historian Guy Scott Guest Speaker At Upcoming Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend the regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group being held Wednesday, February 11th at the Minden Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, highway 35.

Doors open at 6pm; the Speaker at 7pm will be Guy Scott, the Kinmount Historian and Teacher, talking about "Country Fairs" across Canada, but most particularly in our area - the subject of his new book, soon to be published.

There is also a regular "Bring & Win" raffle. Special Valentine's refreshments will be available! There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome. For further details contact Gail Leach-Wunker 705-286-2225.

Local College Students Need Your Support

By Erin Foster - Ecotourism Student

In the past, the Sir Sandford Fleming College students at the Haliburton Campus have been responsible for conducting the Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Conference. The students are currently evaluating how to improve this event.

Within the definition of ecotourism lies the principle of supporting local communities. In order to bring this principle into practice, our primary motivator is community involvement. Historically, the conference has been held outside of the village of Haliburton and we would like to bring the event into the community. Therefore, we feel that it is important to involve the local community in our decision making process.

If you would like to become involved in the 2004 event we are looking for suggestions, recommendations and comments from local and surrounding businesses, individuals and organizations. Any inquiries should be directed by email to efoster@flemingc.on.ca or mailing Community Suggestions c/o Sir Sandford Fleming College BOX 389, Haliburton ON, K0M 1S0 no later than Monday February 9, 2004. With your support we hope to develop an event that addresses the community's needs.

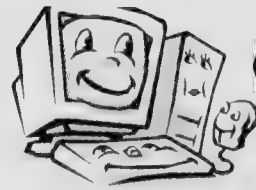


Websites of Interest

Cut Out Printable Valentines Cards for Kids:

If you need more valentines cards (those great cutout type) visit this website. I checked it out and it seems to have a good selection of printable cards for kids to pass along to teachers, friends, etc.

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This is a fundraiser for the Haliburton County Association for Community Living, taking place February 21 at Sir Sam's in Eagle Lake who is the sponsor of this great event.

In addition to a fun filled day, this year's 1st prize for the most pledges is a digital camera and photo printer sponsored in part by T. S. Slote & Son Plumbing! In addition to this fantastic first place prize, there are more great prizes to be won, so start collecting those pledges!!

Anyone obtaining \$50 or more in pledges will "ski for free". There is a BBQ lunch and tons of prizes for participants.

Registration for the day's event is at 9 a.m. – noon. The fun gets underway at 1 p.m. and the social complete with prize give-a-ways is scheduled for 4 p.m.

All money raised supports programs and services for adults with intellectual disabilities who live in our County.

For more information or to obtain a pledge sheet you may call 457-2626, or visit the Community Living office in Haliburton.

Bus Trip Scheduled To See "The Producers"

Enjoy an exciting day of travel, dining and theatre by joining others on the upcoming trip to Toronto to see "The Producers" at the Canon Theatre.

This trip, sponsored by the Haliburton County Home Support Services, takes place Wednesday, April 21st. Tickets are \$175 each which includes Highway Coach Transportation, dinner, the theatre tickets and all taxes and gratuities. Lunch is on your own at the Pickering Town Centre.

\$80 is due upon registration and the remaining \$95 is due by Feb. 15th.

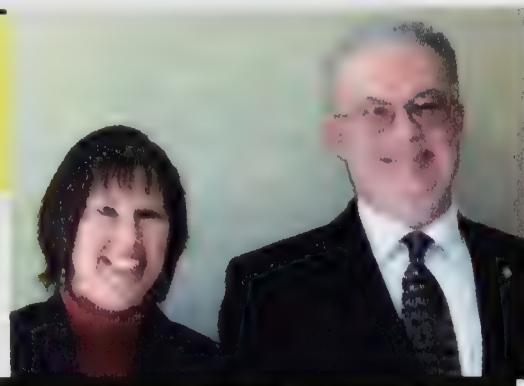
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Jr. Firefighter Program Making A Comeback

From 1987 to 2001, Brent Clarkston ran an active Junior Firefighter Program in Gooderham. This program was initiated by Clive Taylor with the intent of getting teens off the streets and giving them a sense of community and a feeling of accomplishment.

Now Brent is working hard towards starting this program up again, and he has his sights set for sometime in the spring if all goes well. "Right now I just have some things about the program to work out – there are several issues that must be dealt with before we can officially start the program up again – but we are working on it," he says. Brent continued to say how much he is looking forward to seeing the program revised and just how much of a benefit the program was to area youth.

At a recent Algonquin Gateway Business Association Meeting, he explained how the Jr. Firefighter program helped the kids prepare

for adulthood and give them an idea of what our volunteer firefighters deal with on a day-to-day basis. Mr. Clarkston indicated that approximately 85% of all emergency calls are First Response, not fire related. Some of the issues the youths were taught were: how to approach a car accident scene - to educate them about air bags, batteries and how to cut the cables when required. Limos for instance can have up to 15-18 air bags, which can go



off in a delayed reaction 15-20 minutes AFTER an accident.

The kids were given an 18 point First Aid Course to give them a working knowledge of what to do if they were the first on an accident scene. What could they do to assist before the Volunteer Firefighters arrived? They were made aware of the possibility of BBQ tanks being transported in vehicles involved in accidents. Such tanks can travel as much as 2 KM upon explosion. Electrical fires are particularly dangerous for firefighters. At 100 lbs. of pressure electricity can travel up the fire hose and electrocute the fireman.

These are but a few of the issues covered in the Junior Firefighters Program. In the 13 years the program ran – no kids were caught setting fires or getting into other negative situations. Indeed many participants went on to become Volunteer Firefighters.

Stewart Taylor, who participated in the program, was such a person, and was the youngest fire chief in all of Canada.

The participants were able to deal with car accidents, assist firefighters such as back-up water by taking a pump to the lake. They learned how to focus during an accident scenario. One participant kept a child immobilized until help arrived. The child had a broken back, but due to the critical initial care went on to full recovery.

Brent was sorry to see the program end - more volunteers were needed to train the Jr.'s. The benefits to the community of this type of program are many. Homeowners Insurance is but one.

Once things are in place, Brent will notify us at The Communicator, and we will let you know the how's, why's, and who can join.

Maple Syrup Workshop Planned For February

Ah the sweet taste of fresh maple syrup! There's nothing quite like it. Now how would you like to learn how to make it?

Everyone is welcome to join the folks at the Frost Centre for the most popular Stewardship Series workshop Maple Syrup!

This workshop covers all aspects of the syrup industry. It also includes a pancake lunch with real maple syrup. (Why that alone is worth it!!)

The cost is \$20 per person. The workshop takes place on February 20 from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For more information, or to register, call 766-2451. The Frost Centre is located on Hwy 35, between Minden and Dorset.

Speaking of Maple Syrup: Don't Miss The Treats At These Pancake Tuesday Celebrations...

There are a few great events lined up in celebrations of Pancake Tuesday, which is February 24th.

St. Peter's Anglican Church at Maple Lake is holding their Pancake Tuesday Celebration beginning at 6 p.m.

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden is holding their celebration beginning 5 – 7 p.m.

St. George's 66th Annual Pancake Supper is being held at the Haliburton Legion beginning at 5 p.m. The cost is \$15 per family, or \$5 per adult, and \$3.50 per child 6-12 years of age.

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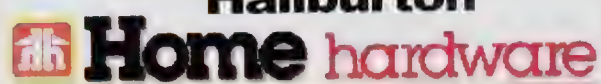
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Since coming up with the idea for the intriguing evening, Wigamog Inn has hosted two successful Winemakers Dinners, and two more are planned for March & April.

The most recent event took place on January 31st featuring wines from Peninsula Ridge Estates Winery located in the Ontario, Niagara area.

To give you an idea of what you will be expecting (although a different menu and wine will be featured at the next event), the evening began with a reception featuring Caribou & Rig Terrine, Duck and Pistacio Terrine, Venison Calvados & Apple Terrine, Cognac & Peppercorn Pate (a mouth-watering appe-



Ready to serve wine samples are Brian Markle, Adam Hagerman, Melissa Rowell & Jayson Leslie

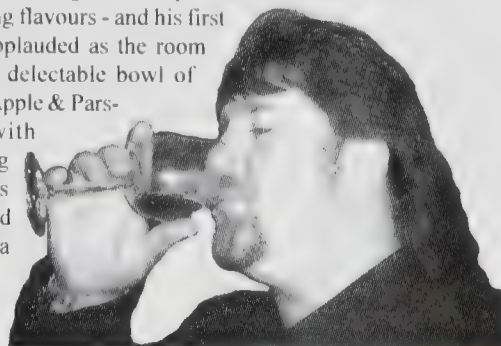
tizer), imported & domestic cheese and freshly baked breads and rolls, all served with Peninsula Ridge Estates Winery 2002 Sauvignon Blanc & 2002 Cabernet Franc.

People had the chance to mingle, and sample the wine and appetizers while being entertained with live music softly playing in the background.

After the reception we entered the ballroom to an extraordinary table setting lined with an array of wine glasses - all of which are eventually filled with an assortment of featured wines as the evening progressed.

You are seated at large tables for 8 so as to mingle and talk about the wines you are experiencing along with the food that is so appropriately prepared to enhance the wines.

Chef James Jennings did a top notch job of matching flavours - and his first course was applauded as the room delved into a delectable bowl of Caramelized Apple & Parsnip soup with floating Calvados Crème escorted by Peninsula



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Ridge Estates Winery 2002 Chardonnay. I highly recommend you try this wine. It was a favourite amongst our table and some surrounding tables, and one worth serving at home. It is available at most L.C.B.O. outlets, as are some of the other wines from Peninsula Ridge that we were honoured to sample - all quite good I might add.

Aside from the fantastic meal and array of wines, the evening was



exceptionally special when the wine maker himself was introduced. "It's not every time that the winemaker himself attends these events. We were very fortunate," says Innkeeper Maria Micallef.

"I want you to react to these wines," stated Peninsula Ridge Winemaker Jean-Pierre Colas.

Jean-Pierre came to Peninsula Ridge after a decade of distinction as head winemaker at Domaine Laroche in Chablis, France. While there he was awarded the 1998 Wine Spectator "White Wine of the Year" for his "1996 Les Clos Grand Cru Chablis".

"Wine is about food, fun and people," said Jonathon Kuhling, manager of sales of Peninsula Ridge. "We're trying to make wines that we like to drink. One's that say Niagara - that we are distinctive and reflect our Canadian Culture." He continued, "we encourage you to discover our wines. Winemaking is an art form and that is how we approach it."

"We do more of an old style French - not the new world California style of wines," explained Jean-Pierre, who also described their wines as fresh and romantic. "We are going to be strong and we are going to be recognized," he added.

Both Jean-Pierre and Johnathon encouraged guests, and all who are reading this, to give their wines a try - to taste the quality that they are producing right here in Ontario.

The dining and wine sampling continued, each course including the dessert matched with the appropriate wine. It was a gift to the palate, and when all was done, five hours managed to slip by making it a completely enjoyable, relaxing and friendly evening. All for a fantastic price.

"I've attended both events and I think they are just fantastic," stated guest and local resident Lynne Johnston. "They are very enjoyable evenings."

Don't Miss Upcoming Winemakers Dinners:

You too can enjoy an evening similar. It truly is something different to experience and makes for an interesting evening out. The next scheduled Winemakers Dinner is on March 27 featuring Malivoire, also from the Niagara area. In April the Winemakers Dinner will be featuring Mission Hills. The date for both evenings will be posted in upcoming editions of The Communicator to remind you.



Local residents, Maureen Hunt, Rhonda Elestone & Lynne Johnston, all enjoyed a wonderful evening of wine tasting.

At right, live entertainment accompanied the reception.

Previous page - bottom - Brett Irvine samples one of a few fine vintages.

Pictured top left are: l-r- Jonathon Kuhling of Peninsula Ridge Estates, Bill Young - Wiganog Managing Director, Peter Papatheodourou, Chef James Jennings, Maria Micallef - Inn Keeper and Jean-Pierre Colas - Winemaker.



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THE SOUND OF MUSIC

The lengthy search is over and the Highlands Summer Festival has announced the cast for this season's production of *The Sound of Music*.

"It was a difficult and lengthy process," Director Dave Mills commented. "The audition team took two weekends, carefully weighed the talents of 61 actors. I was very impressed with how well prepared the actors who came for the auditions were and the depth of talent we have in the Highlands. I know we have brought together a group of individuals who will make Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music* come alive this summer."

Those sentiments were echoed by Music Director Melissa Stephens and Choreographer Julie Barban.

Mills said the team of directors is excited with the talent they will be working with this summer. "In particular, we are pleased to welcome Kate Campbell back to the Highlands Summer Festival stage," Mills said. She will be playing the lead role of Maria.

A former Haliburton area resident, Campbell appeared in the first season of Highlands Summer Festival before leaving to study dramatic arts at Sheridan College in Toronto. A graduate of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Campbell appeared in a number of student and Little Theatre productions including *Grease*, *Anne of Green Gables* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, among others. Campbell was featured in the opening season in the musical review *Coping* and the touching dramatic play, *Salt Water Moon*. She is delighted to have the opportunity to return to the Festival stage, especially in the coveted role of Maria in *The Sound of Music*.

Playing opposite her as Captain von Trapp will be Christopher Greaves. He appeared in the Highlands Little Theatre production of *Brigadoon* ten years ago.

The role of the Mother Abbess will be played by Festival veteran Lauren McInnes. She has appeared as a musician and actor in the Festival since its inception.

The eldest daughter of the von Trapp family, Liesl will be played by Jocelyn Regina, while the part of the young man courting her, Rolf, will be played by David Morgan.

Tom Regina, who has appeared on the Festival stage each season since it began, will play the impresario Max, while newcomer Marilyn Hawley was chosen for the role of Elsa, the Baroness.

Everyone familiar with the story, will recall the seven von Trapp family children. In addition to Liesl, the cast for these roles includes: Shane Dibblee as Friedrich; Claire Flatman as Louisa; Jordyn Archer as Brigitta; Lauren Snelgrove as Marta; Justin van Lieshout as Kurt; and, the youngest child, Gretl, will be played by Clarissa Greaves.

The chorus of nuns includes Chris Archer, Ruth Carter, Dianne Greaves, Betty Mills, Jesse Pflug, Laura Stouffer and Melissa Guyatt. Rounding out the cast will be Maureen Johnson as the housekeeper Frau Schmidt, Franz the butler, played by Jack Brezina and Max Ward in the role of Zeller.

"This is the largest single cast we have ever had in the history of the Highlands Summer Festival," Craig Saunders, president of the organization, said. "There are 23 roles cast and still a few to be named. We know from the enthusiasm of the actors and the interest in the community this is going to be a very popular production." He noted the Festival has scheduled more than the usual number of performances for *The Sound of Music*, including two Sunday matinees. "The hills of the Highlands will certainly be alive with *The Sound of Music* this

Cast Announced!

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summer," he concluded.

The Sound of Music will be presented by the Festival July 5, 6, 11, 12, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29 and August 2 and 3. Tickets are available from the Highlands Summer Festival box office at 705-457-9933. The details of the summer season are available on the organization's website at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

Auditions For Two More Plays Commence in March

Auditions for the two other productions this season, *Thriller of the Year* and the comedy, *The Perfect Rhyme* will be held Sunday, March 7. The Highlands Summer Festival will also feature the classical music concert, this year entitled *Encore*.

Elvis Impersonator Back For Repeat Performance in Wilberforce

If you like the music of Elvis, Roy Orbison, Tom Jones, Marty Robins, Neil Diamond, or Johnny Mathis you will want to make your way to the Wilberforce Legion Branch 624 on February 28th as Joseph Fisher will be returning to rock around the clock.

Joseph is a very talented and popular entertainer who recently entertained the branch at a dance on November 29th and was a smash hit. Due to popular demand Joseph will return to entertain all his new fans.

This is a night you should plan to attend, as it is sure to be entertaining! Admission is free for the show and the entertainment starts at 9 p.m. and goes till 1 a.m. For more details you can contact the legion at 448-2221.

Male Chorus Performing in February

If you enjoy the sounds of a male chorus, you will want to head out to the Northern Lights Pavilion on February 15th for 2:30 p.m. as the Haliburton male chorus will be performing their inaugural concert. The male choir consists of 33 men and the concert is entitled "Singing Away The Winter Blues" which will consist of popular music.

The choir was formed in 2003 when a group of men approached Melissa Stephens about directing them. Melissa agreed if the men could put together a board. The group has been rehearsing since the fall and are looking forward to performing. Tickets are available in advance at Nancy's Flowers in Haliburton and The Minden Drugstore for \$12 each. Seating is limited so get your tickets soon. For further details contact Melissa at 457-9125.

Concert Series Lined Up For 2004

The entertainment is looking superb once again for the 2004 Haliburton Concert Series line-up. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy these talented performers at their best. It all begins in April. The following is a list of the entertainers lined up for the up-coming season, followed by information on how to get your tickets for this exciting series.

Sunday April 4th is the kick off of the season with the Borealis String Quartet consisting of four young Canadian professionals, Patricia Shih, Yuel Yawney, Nikita Pogrebnoy and Joel Stobbe. Each has come to their University residence with a well-honed and active performance career. Together they form Canada's newest chamber music asset the Borealis String Quartet.



Saturday, September 25th the exquisite shows continue with the performance of the Elmer Iseler Singers, under the baton of Lydia Adams. This is a twenty-voice professional chamber choir based in Toronto. It has built an enviable international reputation since its debut performance in 1979. In 2004, it celebrates its 25th Anniversary and, as the successor of the Festival Singers of Canada, it marks the 50th Anniversary of professional choral singing in Canada.

Friday, October 29th hosts the final performance in the series featuring the Nesrallah-Bolshoy duo. This duo unites two award-winning performers, mezzo-soprano Julie Nesrallah and guitarist Daniel Bolshoy. Miss Nesrallah is regularly cast in leading roles with opera companies in Canada. Recent performances include title role in Carmen, and numerous appearances as soloist with various symphony companies.



Guitarist Daniel Bolshoy has won top prizes in eight international guitar competitions. Mr. Bolshoy has performed at the National Arts Centre's in Ottawa and Toronto. The Duo has been featured on a special Bravo TV documentary entitled 'The Classical Now'.



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We will be featuring this section monthly in the dining and entertainment section as many of these places are also great restaurants offering fantastic local dining.

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Dancing to Lou Moore and Friends starts at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tickets are \$30 per couple and \$15 for single. Tickets are available from the Bar Steward in the Haliburton Legion Clubroom.

Highlands Little Theatre Presents 'Bedroom Farce'

The Highlands Little Theatre is busy at work preparing for their upcoming performances of 'Bedroom Farce', a comedy by playwright Alan Ayckbourn. The performances are coming to the Northern Lights Theatre in Haliburton March 4,5,6th and the shows will start at 8:00pm.

The show is a hilarious comedy about two characters named Trevor and Susannah who both have mental problems and share their problems with their friends. One couple has a house warming party and Trevor and Susannah show up and cause incredible havoc on the situation. The play is set in 3 bedrooms on the same stage and runs approximately 2 hrs with intermission.

The production has been entered into the Eastern Ontario Drama League full-length play festival. Three evaluators will come to see the show and assess to see if it is fit to advance to Kanata, in April against four other community theatre groups from eastern Ontario. The performance will be judged by Canadian playwright Alan Stratton.

"It's a very strong and enthusiastic cast and crew" says Director Donna Gagnon. "They're an amazing ensemble. Some of them have very little experience and they're doing exceptionally well. I would encourage people to come out and see the play. It's a really funny show, and you'll be supporting community theatre and enabling the group to continue."

The Highlands Little Theatre is in its 26th year and is always looking for new people to get involved. The group is comprised of amateurs and volunteers. The play 'Bedroom Farce' will be the 1st play this year. The actors and crew rehearse a minimum of 6 hours per week and will have approx. 90 hrs in by the time they perform for the masses. The characters in 'Bedroom Farce' are Trevor (played by Tim Nicholson) Susannah (Peggy Flowers), Earnest (Doug Brohm) Delia (Carolyn Emmerson) Malcom (Jack Brezina), Kate (Maureen Johnson), Jan (Lianne Joiner) and Nick (Mike Johnson). The Stage Manager is Heather Smith, stage crew is Steve Morgan and Mark Johnson and Assistant manager is Gillian Ottley.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this great performance and support local theatre in the Highlands. Tickets are available for \$15 in Haliburton at Cranberry Cottage Country Store, and in Minden at The Storeroom. For any further details please contact Caryl Miller at 754-1919.



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Quick Valentine Facts:

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) Approximately 85 percent of all valentines are purchased by women. In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Australia.

Many old fashioned Valentine's Day customs involved ways single women could learn who their future husbands might be. In England in the 1700's, women wrote men's names on scraps of paper, rolled each in a ball of clay, and dropped them into water. The first paper that surfaced supposedly had the name of the woman's true love. It was also believed that if a woman pinned five bay leaves to her pillow on Valentine's Eve, she would dream of her future husband.

The saying "wearing his heart on his sleeve" probably came from a valentine custom where a young man would draw a woman's name out of a lot and pin it on his sleeve to wear for the next few days.

How about the "X" sign representing a kiss? This tradition started with the Medieval practice of allowing those who could not write to sign documents with an "X". This was done before witnesses, and the signer placed a kiss upon the "X" to show sincerity. This is how the kiss came to be synonymous with the letter "X", and how the "X" came to be commonly used at the end of letters as kiss symbols.

Paper valentines date back to the 1500's but it took the enterprise of America to make a buck at it. Esther A. Holland, who produced one of the first American commercial Valentines in the 1840's sold \$5,000 worth - when \$5,000 was a LOT of money - in the first year.

Who are the lucky recipients of all these cards? Experts say parents are the most popular recipients of seasonal cards, receiving about one out every five. Teachers, children, wives and sweethearts are also at the top of the list. Around 85 percent of all valentines are purchased by women.

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The Following Case is Fiction and is meant for your enjoyment only. Get ready to help solve another "Who Dun-it"

A parole officer Jeff Clayton, with some unsavory connections is found shot to death in an outdoor basketball court. Detective Hartwick knows it was a foul shot and for him solving this case is a slam dunk!

Case of the News Worthy Murderer

Jeremy Badguy grunted. He was seated across from Detective Hartwick in an interrogation room in Wilberforce headquarters. A tall, wiry man in his late twenties, Jeremy stared at the inspector with dark, weary eyes. He wore a brown leather jacket, leather pants, and a yellow T-shirt.

"I understand the officers who picked you up last night told you that Mr. Clayton, your parole officer, was found shot to death in an outdoor basketball court downtown, just a few blocks from you," Hartwick remarked. "In the direction you were running from."

Detective Hartwick looked over the witness report from a woman who saw a young man running near the scene of the crime around 11:00 p.m. It was the gunshot that made her look out the window – she remembered the time because she just began watching the local evening Peterborough news when she heard the shot.

"He was your parole officer, wasn't he?" Hartwick asked. "Haven't you been out for five months after serving four years for armed robbery?"

"Yeah."

"And you told the officers you were on your way to meet him."

"Yeah," says Jeremy, "but at his office, not in any hoops court."

"I see," Hartwick continued, "Which of you made the appointment?"

"He did."



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"Why were you running?"

"I was late. He didn't like to be kept waiting. I meant to leave my place at 11:15, to be there on time, but I starting watching a new hospital drama on CHEX TV, and I kind of lost track of time. I had just rushed out when your cops picked me up."

"Had you fallen asleep?" Hartwick asked

"No."

"You didn't like Clayton much, did you?"

Jeremy smirked. "He was my PO. Nobody likes their PO."

Hartwick stood up and smiled. He left the room briefly and upon his return Hartwick said to Jeremy, "I know your lying... do you wanna tell me the truth now?"

How did Hartwick know that Jeremy was lying?

solution pg. 47...

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Bungie Jumper:

Kerry Bingham had been drinking with several friends when one of them said they knew a person who had bungee-jumped from the middle of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. The conversation grew more heated and at least 10 men trooped along the walkway of the bridge at 4:30 a.m. Upon

arrival at the midpoint of the bridge they discovered that no one had brought bungee rope. Bingham, who had continued drinking, volunteered and pointed out that a coil of lineman's cable lay nearby. One end of the cable was secured around Bingham's leg and the other end was tied to the bridge. His fall lasted 40 feet before the cable tightened and pulled his foot off at the ankle. He miraculously survived his fall into the frigid waters of the Tacoma Narrows and Puget Sound and was rescued by two nearby fishermen. "All I can say," said Bingham, "Is that God was watching out for me on that night. There's just no other explanation for it." Bingham's severed foot was never located.

In my bizarre news research, I have come across a variety of stories regarding Zero Tolerance, and how in some places we've taken this step to the extreme ends, overshadowing "Common Sense". Maybe by printing some of these, we can regain some "Common Sense" back in our over paranoid society. Who knows.. they are a good read anyway, if all else. Watch for more coming under the title: Zero Tolerance!



SEARCH AND SEIZURE: A student told a teacher at Parkview High School in Bossier City, La., that sophomore Amanda Stiles was smoking in the bathroom. The teacher confronted Stiles and searched her purse, but found no cigarettes or lighters. She did, however, find something else: Advil, an over-the-counter medication used to relieve headaches and menstrual cramps. "Pills!" screamed the school administrators. Possessing drugs on campus is a "zero tolerance" infraction, they point out, so they expelled Stiles for a year. The expulsion was upheld by the School Board's administrative committee and Superintendent Ken Kruithof....Thus perpetuating their smug satisfaction that they're "doing something" about the "drug problem."

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GHOST STORIES

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

Tulip Staircase Ghost

Rev. Ralph Hardy, a retired clergyman from White Rock, British Columbia, took this now-famous photograph in 1966. He intended merely to photograph the elegant spiral staircase (known as the "Tulip Staircase") in the Queen's House section of the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, England. Upon development, however, the photo revealed a shrouded figure climbing the stairs, seeming to hold the railing with both hands. Experts, including some from Kodak, who examined the original negative concluded



that it had not been tampered with. It's been said that unexplained figures have been seen on occasion in the vicinity of the staircase, and unexplained footsteps have also been heard.

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Interesting side note: This photo isn't the only evidence of ghostly activity at the Queen's House. The 400-year-old building is credited with several other apparitions and phantom footsteps even today. Recently, a Gallery Assistant was discussing a tea break with two colleagues when he saw one of the doors to the Bridge Room close by itself. At first he thought it was one of the lecturers. "Then I saw a woman glide across the balcony, and pass through the wall on the west balcony," he said. "I couldn't believe what I saw. I went very cold and the hair on my arms and my neck stood on end. We all dashed through to the Queen's Presents Room and looked down towards the Queen's Bedroom. Something passed through the ante-room and out through the wall. Then my colleagues all froze too. The lady was dressed in a white-grey colour crinoline type dress."

Other ghostly goings-on include the unexplained choral chanting of children, the figure of a pale woman frantically mopping blood at the bottom of the Tulip Staircase (it's said that 300 years ago a maid was thrown from the highest banister, plunging 50 feet to her death), slamming doors, and even tourists being pinched by unseen fingers.

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Urban Legends

One About Love - After all, It Is Valentines

A young mans great-great grandmother, ill for quite some time, finally passed away after laying in a coma for several days. His great-great grandfather was devastated beyond belief, as she was his one true love and they had been married for over 50 years. They were married so long, it seemed as if they knew each other's innermost thoughts.

After the doctor pronounced her dead, his great-great grandfather insisted that she was not. They had to literally pry him away from his wife's body so they could ready her for burial.

Now, back in those days, they had backyard burial plots and did not drain the body of its fluids. They simply prepared a proper coffin and committed the body (in its coffin) to its permanent resting place. Throughout this process, the great-great grandfather protested so fiercely that he had to be sedated and put to bed. His wife was buried and that was that.

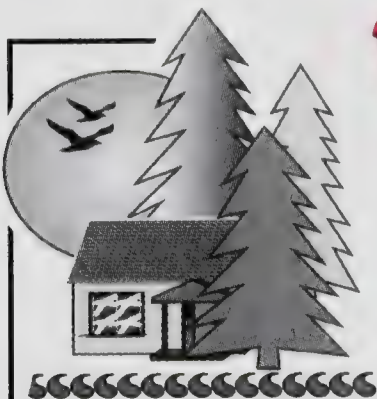
That night he woke to a horrific vision of his wife hysterically trying to scratch her way out of the coffin. He phoned the doctor immediately and begged to have his wife's body exhumed. The doctor refused, but the young man's great-great grandfather had this nightmare every night for a week, each time frantically begging to have his wife removed from the grave.

Finally the doctor gave in and, together with local authorities, exhumed the body. The coffin was pried open and to everyone's horror and amazement, his great-great grandmother's nails were bent back and there were obvious scratches on the inside of the coffin.

Did you know:

It is a fact that once upon a time, before modern embalming techniques were developed, people were found on very rare occasions to have been buried alive. It's most likely, however, that 18th and 19th century horror stories involving premature burial were inspired by the medical discovery that victims of suffocation and drowning could be resuscitated - that though they appeared dead, they really weren't. This was a frightening realization for many people.

In any case, so strong was the fear of "precipitate interment" during the 19th centre, that some of the wealthier folk were known to stipulate in their wills that their coffins be outfitted with signalling devices just in case.



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Rules - Rules - Rules

There are so many ways the game has changed since I played in the NHL. There have been so many rules changes, which I don't agree with. In my opinion, the instigator rule has really hurt hockey, not only at the NHL level, but also at the minor hockey level. It allows players to be reckless with their sticks and also with elbow checks to the head area. The elbow pads today are weapons because of the hard plastic in the pads.

There are so many high sticks in hockey today, and I believe it has a lot to do with the lack of respect of the head of your opponent.

In my era, not only in the NHL, but also in the Jr. & Minor Hockey league, if you high sticked somebody with reckless use of your stick, you had to be accountable for your actions right there and then. There was usually a fight ... - no instigator penalty. The referee knew that there was a careless high stick, and usually gave each player five minutes for fighting.

Needless to say, we had a lot more respect for one another's heads than they have today. In my era we had a lot of black eyes, broken noses, bloody noses and teeth knocked out, and mostly a lot of pride loss, but we didn't have the concussions that they have today, and also players being paralyzed from checks from behind. I think that if all those players playing hockey today, whether in the NHL or minor hockey, knew there was a good chance they had to fight after a reckless high stick or vicious elbow to the head, or the body check from behind when the opponent is close to the boards, they would play the game differently than they do today.

One thing I know is that fighting isn't fun. You probably ask why I think fighting is okay when I didn't fight much in my career. Well, I was lucky that I found out at an early age, number one - that I wasn't that tough, and also, I didn't like somebody breaking his hand on my face. I still think I played the game with toughness in a different way, like I always wanted the puck and I played with lots of intensity fore-checking.

One little story that happened at McKeck's Place a few years ago... A hockey tournament was on and a group of the players were having lunch & a few beers, and having a good time. I stopped by to talk to them and one of the guys was a little obnoxious and was making fun of

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the fights in the NHL. He was saying that the fights in the NHL were like the fights in the WWF and that they were all fixed. All his buddies had a good laugh, and me, not being short of a comeback, informed them that if all the fights in the NHL were fixed, that I would have been in more of them. He didn't have a comeback. (My grandmother always told me never get in a pissing contest with a drunk).

They talk so much about the trap in hockey today ... - well we use to do something that was similar, but we didn't call it the trap. In my era, if you held & hooked the way they do in the NHL today, there would be a lot more little fights. If you complained to the ref that the guy gave you a slap or punch in the nose, he would tell you not to hold or hook him so much. In my era, we kind of policed the game ourselves.

I can't emphasize enough about how discussed I am with the careless and reckless lack of respect for their opponents head or body that goes on in hockey today. They all play so brave today, but I don't think they are all that brave... the rule changes make them protected. I would like to see how many high sticks or body checks from behind there would be if they knew there was a guy willing to fight them right then and there, and the rules or referee weren't going to protect them.

I know there would be less high sticks and concussions, but more bloody noses and hurt egos. I know I am repeating myself, but I can't remember many concussions in my era, or paralyzed players, especially in minor hockey.

(Bill Masterson had a terrible accident in my era, but he slipped and fell on his own. That was so sad - Bill passing away)

There are a lot of little rule changes that have been made, and I won't get into all of them, but another one worth mentioning is the two referee system, which to me doesn't work because you can have two guys calling two different games. One might see the game one way, and the other another way. I also think the players are bigger today, and the rinks are the same when I played - There is not enough room for two refs.

One rule change I would like to see them put into the NHL today is the icing the puck rule. I wish they would call it as soon as the puck crosses the red line.

I bet there are a lot of injuries each year because of the rules that exists today. If you watched the Leaf game the other night - Leafs 5 & Ottawa 1, there was a little bit of old time hockey in it. The Ottawa player Allen with the football mask on was giving Sundin a hard time with the stick and taunting him. It was great to see Tie go after him because I think he (Allen) thought the mask and rules of today were going to save him. Good for Tie ... and I am glad the NHL didn't suspend Tie because he was standing up for his teammate.

When Gretzy played in Edmonton, people say nobody was allowed to hit him. First of all, he would never put himself in a bad position to receive hard checks, but you could body check him lightly if you could catch him. If you gave Gretzy the same treatment that Allen was giving Sundin, then you had to answer to a guy named Semanko and boy, was he big, and tough, and crazy (bad combination) ... and he really liked his job and was good at it!!

I hope they don't make too many more rule changes, but try to fix what they have created in hockey today in the NHL and minor hockey. I worry somebody is going to get really hurt because of the lack of respect for one another on the ice today.

Hockey is such a great game and the most important thing kids should be doing is having fun playing, and also learning and knowing what respect is all about.

I hope all minor hockey coaches who read this will stress respect to their players.

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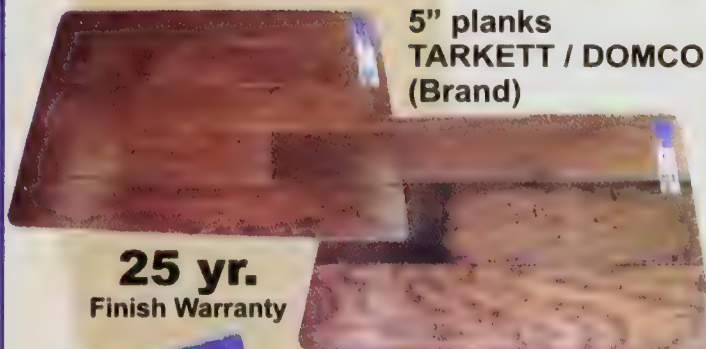
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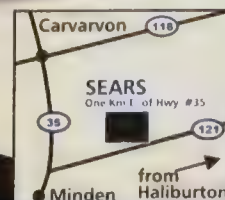
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Classes began in January, but there is still room for more people. They are 10-week classes that are offered three times a year. All fees are adjusted for the remaining classes and you can jump in at anytime.

Each class is 1.5 hours and are perfect for all age groups. There are geared for beginners and intermediate levels.

Yoga is designed to help flexibility and Pat says it's not an overly strenuous activity, which makes it perfect for all ages, even people with mobility limitations, such as people with M.S., fibremialgia, or just those whose age is getting the better of them. Pat herself suffers from fibremailgia and has found Yoga to be quite helpful with her condition.

"People have misconceptions about Yoga - they watch videos and those people on the videos are more athletic. They do Yoga to perfection whereas the simplicity of Yoga taught in basements and local halls do not take you quite to that level, unless you want to go there," explains Pat. "These lessons are for everyday people who want to get flexible. Body size and proportion has nothing to do with your own personal level of Yoga. It's as simple as breathing. Actually," Pat explains, "breathing is the key. Breathing affects the whole upper body. Yoga teaches you how to breathe properly."

Pat's classes are relaxed and quite friendly. "Everyone is very supportive of each other," she says. "My classes are fun. We keep them light and easy." In addition, once the session of classes reaches the end, Pat always sends her students home with some routines to do at home.

Teaching Yoga is something that Pat has been doing for quite a number of years, and actually, she was one of the pioneers of Yoga being introduced to the Haliburton Highlands area.

If you want to learn this form of exercise, Pat can certainly help you achieve your goal. For more information you can call Pat at 489-4279.

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If you have any questions, please forward them to "Ask a Beauty Expert", care of the Highlands Communicator.

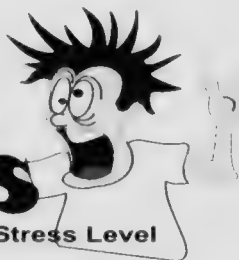
Mental Health Committee

Anyone interested in or affiliated with mental health services are invited to join the Advisory Committee to Mental Health in Haliburton County.

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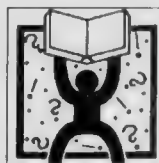
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Community Shared Agriculture Focuses On Alternative Food Production

Waverley Brook Farm marks the 10th year anniversary for the start of Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) in the Highlands of Haliburton.

In 1994 a group of interested folk gathered in Carnarvon to hear a talk by Jean Schlicklin (Tyler) on organic CSA gardens. With the interest in alternative food production, the group began the Haliburton Highlands CSA at Godfrey Tyler's farm on Old Donald Road. During that first season Jean and Godfrey were married and have continued to grow in many ways with family and farming. Their children, Sam (8) and Joan (6) enjoy life on the land along with Grandpa Charlie (82). Rare breed cows were introduced as well as sheep, chickens, rabbits, donkey, goats and more over the years. This has helped round out the Biodynamic methods used on the land to create a healthy balance between plants, animals and people. The over all concept has seen many improvements, so the general family farm continues to grow with abundance from the land.

The family farm continues to face many challenges. As happens in Agriculture, there are years that are great and years that are challenging, sometimes, simply due to weather. The benefit of the CSA with a variety of some 50 crops always has at least one crop, in any given year that grows in abundance for members. During these past ten years there have been over 75 local families participating. There have been many benefits in the community that were sparked by folks gathering at the farm such as socials, buying clubs, farmers' markets, other gardens, community support efforts, music groups, Tours, workshops, and many friendships. There have been interns and WWOOFers (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) that are attracted from round the world to Haliburton. This farm has touched every continent; even Antarctica with Adam Bathe sharing the story of the CSA in his travels there.

The concept of CSA has been a sustainable way to make local Agriculture viable since the 70's. This is an alternative where the local consumer shares the risk and the abundance with the farmer by paying in advance for weeks of the summer and fall harvest that comes from the land. It takes many forms around the world as people grow in their desire to know where their food comes from.

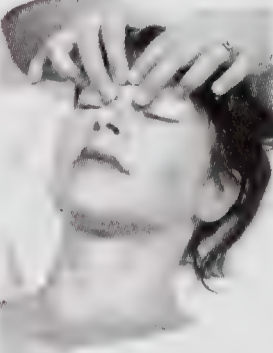
Waverley Brook Farm continues to offer the regular CSA Share that gives fresh food to a family of five (half share is also available) for 16 to 18 weeks of fresh produce picked up at this local farm. A cottage share is available by the week for those here on holidays. There has been interest from members to offer a new option called "Choice

Box". The available produce chosen in advance by the member will be debited to their account through the season until the prepaid amount is spent with the weekly choice box. Thanks to Charles Tyler, the 82-year young farmer still working on his computer with one hand and the hoe in the other, there will be computerized records and invoices weekly. It will be fresh picked choices for the individual boxes, with quality produce from the local farm.

Each year there have been changes and lessons learned about the risks of agriculture in the Highlands. This year along with their regular share, a CHOICE box will be offered for members that sign up during January and February. This option allows the individual to pick a weekly, personalized box of their choice for vegetables in season fresh from the farm.

There will be one of those world renown Potluck open house events at the farm Saturday, Feb 14 at 4pm. Every one is welcome to come tour the farm by land or enjoy the look out tower in the new wing of their home. Lots of changes as well as familiar faces will welcome you to the farm for the kick off of the 10th anniversary. If you are interested in more information about the farm tours or membership in the CSA, a brochure with details is available. Just call Jean at 457-2214.

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Everyone is welcome to come and join in one or all of the many activities planned, including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating, tobogganing and much more. All equipment excluding skates are provided by the camp or you may bring your own.

The cost to participate is nothing. That's right - it's free. There is a small fee if you choose to eat any meals. The Camp will be providing Hot Dogs & Chili for a small fee.

The fun gets underway at noon, and goes until roughly 6 p.m.

This event has taken place for a number of years and is a way for people to enjoy the season with their families. "We do it so that the community can all come out and enjoy a day of winter fun and see what Camp Wanakita has to offer," says Ginny, who organizes the day's events.

Camp Wanakita is located on Koshlong Lake. Take County Road 1 to Donald, turn left at Donald and drive to the end of Koshlong Lake Rd. For further information, you may call 457-2132.

Laughter and Health

We've long known that the ability to laugh is helpful to those coping with major illness and the stress of life's problems. But researchers are now saying laughter can do a lot more — it can basically bring balance to all the components of the immune system, which helps us fight off diseases.

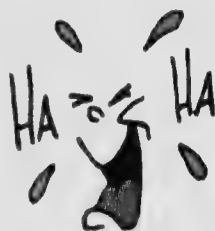
Laughter reduces levels of certain stress hormones. In doing this, laughter provides a safety valve that shuts off the flow of stress hormones and the fight-or-flight compounds that swing into action in our bodies when we experience stress, anger or hostility. These stress hormones suppress the immune system, increase the number of blood platelets (which can cause obstructions in arteries) and raise blood pressure. When we're laughing, natural killer cells that destroy tumours and viruses increase, as do Gamma-interferon (a disease-fighting protein), T-cells, which are a major part of the immune response, and B-cells, which make disease-destroying antibodies.

Laughter may lead to hiccupping and coughing, which clears the respiratory tract by dislodging mucous plugs. Laughter also increases the concentration of salivary immunoglobulin A, which defends against infectious organisms entering through the respiratory tract.

What may surprise you even more is the fact that researchers estimate that laughing 100 times is equal to 10 minutes on the rowing machine or 15 minutes on an exercise bike. Laughing can be a total body workout! Blood pressure is lowered, and there is an increase in vascular blood flow and in oxygenation of the blood, which further assists healing. Laughter also gives your diaphragm and abdominal, respiratory, facial, leg and back muscles a workout. That's why you often feel exhausted after a long bout of laughter — you've just had an aerobic workout!

The psychological benefits of humour are quite amazing, according to doctors and nurses who are members of the American Association for Therapeutic Humour. People often store negative emotions, such as anger, sadness and fear, rather than expressing them. Laughter provides a way for these emotions to be harmlessly released. Laughter is cathartic. That's why some people who are upset or stressed out go to a funny movie or a comedy club, so they can laugh the negative emotions away (these negative emotions, when held inside, can cause biochemical changes that can affect our bodies).

Increasingly, mental health professionals are suggesting "laughter therapy," which teaches people how to laugh — openly — at things that aren't usually funny and to cope in difficult situations by using humour. Following the lead of real-life funny-doc Patch Adams (portrayed by Robin Williams in a movie by the same name), doctors and psychiatrists are becoming more aware of the therapeutic benefits of laughter and humour.



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We are pleased to inform you that we are revitalizing our privacy practices and developing a plan, consistent with the privacy principles. These principles provide a privacy framework for the management of personal information. By implementing this privacy framework, our organization will be better positioned to provide greater privacy protection of personal information.

We are pleased to announce that the Privacy Implementation Project will be led by: Kellie Churko, Director of Health Information and Chief Privacy Officer for HHHS.

We have appointed a Corporate Privacy Team to coordinate the Privacy activities. Members of the Privacy Team include: Keith Sansford — Chief Executive Officer; Lynne Johnston — Director of Acute and Ambulatory Care; Melinda O'Mara, Director of Care — Highland Wood and Hyland Crest; Beth Archibald — Director of Community Services; Connie Wood — Director of Organizational Development; Dr. Norm Bottum, Lorrie Blanchard — Accounting Supervisor; Dale Walker — Executive Director of the HHHS Foundation; Christ Bonnett and Dave How — Members of the Board of Directors of the HHHS and Kellie Churko — Team Leader.

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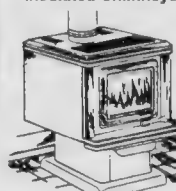
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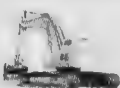
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Upcoming Ice Fishing Derby

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Here's a list of the derby's we know about:

Murray Scott Memorial Ice Fishing Derby:

If you like ice fishing, here's a great fishing tournament you will want to participate in. It's the 6th annual Murray Scott Memorial ice fishing derby, being held February 7th at Maple Lk.

Participants will be competing for the largest Lake Trout and can drop their lines from 8 am till 3 pm. The cost is \$20 per entry and there will be three 50/50 prizes based on the number of entries. All participants must sign-in prior to fishing. Registration will be held at the Dawson Rd/North Shore Rd. Lake access point from 7:30 a.m. till 10 a.m. MNR rules apply and you must have a valid fishing licence.

For further details contact Dan Johnson at 457-3539 or the hatchery at 457-9664. Good luck to all!!

Salerno Lake Ice Fishing Derby

March 6 in Irondale: The 3rd annual Salerno Lake Ice Fishing Derby. This is a fundraiser for the Irondale Community Centre Building Fund. The entry fee is \$10 per person. Largest Fish wins. There are cash prizes and many consolations prizes, refreshments and a BBQ.

For more information contact Theresia or Russ Rudduck at (705) 447-3103.

GPS Workshop: Learning Computer Mapping

They are a handy little tool, and they are becoming quite popular amongst the outdoors type folk - they are GPS systems, which stands for Global Positioning Systems - a handy mapping device that lets you know exacting where you are in the world.

If you want to learn more about GPS systems, then an upcoming GSP Computer Mapping Workshop may be just what you are looking for.

The workshop takes place on March 6 at the Sir Sandford Fleming College Sisco Campus in Haliburton.

Instructor Bruce Pettit will head this 3-hour workshop, which will introduce you to gathering GPS field data and placing the features on digital maps. You will learn how to use the correct reference system and coordinates to place data in the correct location, and to use base maps for background and GPS field maps. You will also learn to extract info from computerized maps.

You must have basic computer knowledge to attend this workshop. Participant spots are limited so book early. The cost of the workshop is \$40 per person.

For more information or to register, call 457-1680.

**If all the world's a stage, where is the
audience sitting?**

Have You Ever Wondered?...



This column attempts to answer some puzzling, and sometime bizarre questions that have crossed the minds of many we're sure. For example...

When a toilet atop a huge skyscraper, lets say a huge 110 story building is flushed, do the contents fall 110 floors?

When you look at modern architecture, you're supposed to think about the glories of civilization, not toilets. Although, one does wonder about the plumbing arrangements. Well, wonder no more...the answer is no, the stuff doesn't drop in a straight shot from the top floors. There are offsets in the soil pipes every so often where the water runs horizontally for a short distance and then down again. Some of these were included just as a matter of convenience—the pipes were in the way of something else—and others were put in for the express purpose of slowing down the water.

The problem with water running downhill and picking up a lot of momentum is not as severe as it might seem at first thought. For one thing, flowing water tends to adhere to a surface, such as the inside of a pipe, and the friction slows things down a good deal. There's also a phenomenon known as "terminal velocity," which skydivers are familiar with: after you fall through the air for a certain period, you reach a maximum speed. For water inside a pipe, this usually comes out to around 10 to 20 feet per second, depending on the diameter of the pipe and whatnot.

The more serious difficulty in a drain system of any kind is venting. Bathroom waste releases a lot of gases, which have to escape somewhere. Additionally, when you have a large volume of water falling down a stack, the air beneath has to get out of the way without creating a lot of turbulence—the plug effect, to put it in technical terms. To alleviate both problems, vent pipes are cut into the soil stacks at regular intervals to help relieve the pressure.

Waste water runs into a catch basin below street level and thence into the city sewer system. Toilets on the basement levels drain into a sump at the very bottom of the building, the contents of which are pumped up to sewer level from time to time.

The real challenge in a tall skyscraper is not so much getting the water down—after all, gravity does most of the work—as getting it up there in the first place. Street pressure is only good for the first four or five floors in an ordinary building.

Most large buildings have a series of pumps and tanks located in the basement, and in certain floors as you go up (for example in a 64 floor building, there might be pumps in the 10th, 24th and 54th floor. Water is pumped up under high pressure from one tank to the next, and then drains to the faucets in bathrooms and other facilities below. A few fixtures operate directly off the high-pressure line by means of pressure-relief valves.

No matter how you look at it, plumbing is a fascinating topic, no doubt about it.

Orientation & Tracking Workshop

So you like to hike through the bush... but have you even been worried about getting lost? There is a very informative workshop scheduled for February 28 that focuses on Orienteering and Tracking – ideal for all experience levels.

This workshop, hosted by Bark Lake Leadership Centre, will help you to build on simple navigation and survival techniques while using traditional methods of transportation such as snowshoes and skis.

The cost is just \$40 per person, which includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for all workshops is limited so be sure to register in advance.

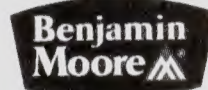
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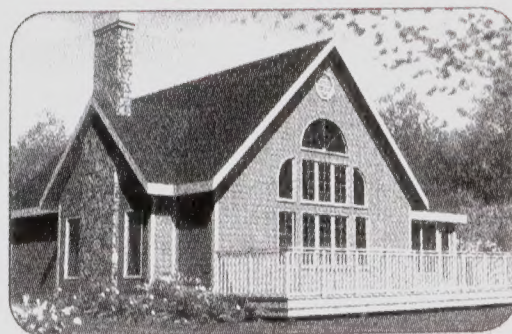
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The first correct answer pulled from entries received wins \$50! It's that easy and it's fun too!

There were 9 sams in the last issue. They were hidden in the following ads: Out of Time, Hawkfield Auto Service, Curry Motors, Varty's Jewellery, Marty's Health Food, Can Q. Inc., The Variety Store, Stoughton's Electric, Cranberry Cottage County Store.

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The evening consists of cocktails, dinner and entertainment by the Ya Baby's, playing the best in classic rock and R & B.

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Home Support is looking for a volunteer driver for their Transportation Service in the Carnarvon area. This is a community support service that provides necessary transportation for clients needing to attend medical appointments. These trips may be local or long distance. For more information please call Roxanne at 457-2941.

If you need transportation to a medical appointment in or out of the county, please call Reg or Judy at Haliburton County Home Support Services. Home Support offers subsidized transportation to medical appointments.

Brain Teaser of the Month



**Take a look at this picture. Who belongs to the head?
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While it could be the gal on the left, it actually belongs to the gal on the right.

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Who Dun-it

Solution:

Hartwick looked in the TV Guide and found that CHEX TV Peterborough carries news at 11 p.m. (The same news the witness was watching when she heard the shot.) There was no Hospital drama on at 11 p.m. giving Jeremy lots of time to arrive at the scene.

Win Dinner For Two

How would you like to win a fine dining dinner for two at the beautiful Wigamog Inn? For your chance to win this great prize, you must first enter our contest. In this issue of The Communicator we did a feature story on the Wigamog's Winemaker's Dinner on pages 26 & 27. Below are three questions that can be easily answered by reading the feature story. Write your answers, along with your name, phone number and address to The Communicator, Box 332 Wilberforce, Ont. K0L 3C0. or email: highlands@thecommunicator.ca. Fax: (705) 448-1995.

- 1: What is the date of the next Winemaker's Dinner?
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